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BASED ON THE GREATEST OF ALL
NATURAL FORCES

LOVE AND HATE

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The observing of and keeping of natural laws are the foundation of our civilization.

Happy is that person—and that nation which conforms himself and itself to such laws—and uncomfortable are those who persistently violate them. There are two natural forces that govern our lives — forces that can be aided and abetted—forces that can be retarded and directed, but forces that can not be ignored, denied, nor deliberately worked against. These forces are Love and Hate.

There is no need of going into the matter of when and how we were created. To discuss this will lead us into discussions similar to the Scopes-Bryan-monkey controversy. The orthodox believe in the creation as told in the Bible and the modernist believes in evolution as explained by our scientists.

The discussion as to which is the true story of creation is useless expenditure of time and labor.

I, for my part think it immaterial to worry about the origin of the universe and of life. To me the facts, as they exist, and as we perceive them, are of greater importance.

When you perceive life in or of any being or plant, the thought strikes you as to the commencement of such life within that form. As a matter of fact:—Life is or was existant before it entered any particular form. This fact is concrete:—**“The all driving forces of nature are present everywhere, without limit of time and space.”** However, for life to enter some particular form, an act of fellowship of mutual attraction, of brotherhood, of love is necessary.

Man is conceived in and with the power of Love.

Some may feel ill of ease at this statement. However, “Evil to him who evil thinketh.” It is Love that is the generating power; it is Love that is life, or life is Love.

This Love perpetuates itself—and shows plainly in the mother-love for its young. This is nothing but a natural phenomena. It is natural for the reason that it is necessary for the preservation of species. It is a common everyday exhibition of natural forces—forces that are so necessary—and forces that must of necessity be the stronger as compared with all other forces of nature.

The whole living plant and animal world give concrete explanation of the great power of reproduction; the great power of attraction; the great power of Love.

After reproduction, or birth, or life through the agency of Love; comes the struggle for existence—the struggles of life. Like other natural phenomena struggle for existence has gone on—since the creation of the world.

If you believe in evolution or not, matters but little; the struggle for existence is an established fact. A plant will crowd out another plant, or feed itself by clinging to other plants; or sustain itself on dying plants and animal matter. It is an everlasting cycle of life and death.

In the animal world, the struggle is the same. A cat will catch a mouse in order to sustain its own life and feed its young. Some animals sustain life on living plants. A large fish will devour a smaller one; a bird will catch a worm; an eagle will swoop down and prey on smaller birds and other smaller animals over which the lion is king, and so forth—un-

til man is supreme over all. But even intellectual men among themselves will strive for mastery and generally the mind gives the victory. Here it seems to stop, but upon closer interrogation, the cycle is not complete—it takes the little microbe, the atoms to complete the cycle; and man great that he is, he falls a victim to the unseen living beings—a king dethroned in a cycle of events by an inevitable law of nature.

Man must labor to feed himself and provide for his children.

Hate is necessary to perform this and Hate is necessary to complete the cycle of all living organisms to sustain life.

You may question the fact that labor has as a consequence Hate, or that Hate is a natural force that compels labor.

Just as true as other animals live off of other living beings—just so man consumes and through crowding out other men—in competition—destroys ruthlessly other organisms—and creates Hate.

Hate is but a natural force—a force necessary to sustain life. As a matter of fact, this force is a destroyer of other beings and living forms. In fact, it is decay or death itself.

Life must be, and is, by every reasoning a stronger force than death. If death should conquer it would, indeed, be a bleak cheerless world. It is easy to understand that love is life and hate is death. It is easy to perceive that the battle of life is a struggle with

death; one will overpower the other, if only given a chance.

Here is where the God part of the human mind comes in:—the conception and understanding of this is traceable to that highest point of all creation:—the human mind.

I will repeat, as said in a former lecture, "That it is the mind that elevates the human being above the mere brute. It is the mind that solves the riddles of the universe." However, the mind will never be able to solve the origin of these riddles.

The origin of species may be explained by scientists, but the origin of the worlds can never be explained by them.—and never as having been performed in six days or six times twenty-four hours. The origin of all is best explained by that Hebraic letter that resembles the form of our modern interrogation point and means God. Yes, a question mark, it has been thousands and millions of years ago—and an unanswered question it will remain to eternity.

This, however, does not prevent us from accepting, experiencing and understanding natural facts and forces that do exist. Nor does it prevent us directing such forces to our benefit. In fact, if it were not for the understanding and application of the natural forces by mankind, civilization would be at a point very much earlier than the period of the Garden of Eden.

In a previous lecture, I mentioned different natural forces and phenomena. Natural phenomena and natural forces are identical.

In so far that when we speak of natural forces, it means an explanation of a natural phenomena.

Fire is a natural phenomena and heat is a force. Lightning is a phenomena and electricity is a force. Sound is a phenomena and motion is a force, etc.

What great poet or philosopher was it who said, "There is nothing made or manufactured in this world without the aid of fire." This statement has never been successfully contradicted. Without manufactured articles, our state of affairs would be a pure state of savagery. It is the mind, understanding the forces of nature and directing them that indicates our stage of civilization.

The very stage, the plane, the elevation is indicated by our understanding, application and directing the different natural forces. The more natural forces we understand and direct to our benefit, the higher is our civilization.

Love and Hate are two natural forces—just as powerful as heat and electricity. You can not see them—neither can you grasp the idea of heat nor can you dissect electricity. Yet you have mastered heat—and electricity is your servant. Through the agency of your mind you can hear a sound, yet you can not see motion—and still you have harnessed it successfully in the voice, in musical instruments, in phonographs and even in radios.

It has taken thousands, yes millions of years, before the human

mind developed enough to understand some of these forces. It need not take that long, after now, before you master Love and harness Hate.

Before this is accomplished, explanations are in order:

Just as a blacksmith heats iron in order to be able to hammer it into shape; just as wizards of electricity have spent nights and days in the understanding of it; just as the masters of sound have spent time to perfect a melodious harmony in song and music—so it is a matter of hard work for you to educate yourself to the point of understanding. It is like striving to reach the higher peaks of mountains and there be able to see in the clearer atmosphere miles in distance—things and objects that you can not see below.

Labor and education are necessary to a fuller understanding and to a fuller application of such understanding.

Love has created you and every other living being.

Hate will destroy you and every living form.

While the cycle of events and of life is an established fact, Love will prolong it and Hate will shorten it.

Through the agency of the mind life in man is prolonged through medical science and surgery. The destructive microscopic forces are studied held in check or are eradicated.

It is inconceivable that the Creator who gave us the crowning

piece of his creation—the human mind, intended our life to be a series of misfortunes or mis-acts through the agency of other living human beings. The human mind was developed within us for a purpose:— The elevation of the human being above the mere brute.

It has taken thousands of years for man to understand that acts of love are the foundation of our life and civilization; that acts of love made possible, successively the creation of families, of clans, of states and of nations.

However, the forces of Hatred are not as yet fully understood nor harnessed. We are teaching the narrow ideas of competition, of patriotism in nationalism instead the broader conception of brotherhood of all men as so amply understood by Christ and taught by Him.

If it is impossible to convey to the minds of men, through the current present day teachings of Christianity—or other forms of current religion, that Love and Hate are the greatest natural forces that govern our civilization—and that the brotherhood of all men is the key note of natural religious thought, then eventually a reconstructed, a reformed, or an entirely new religion that can convey this idea will be in order and

Another step up in our civilization will be the natural consequence.